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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM -- CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO NEW
ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (S/S 7511022)

1. ON MAY 27, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA NAMED RUPIAH BANDA
TO BE ZAMBIA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, REPLACING VERNON
MWAANGA. BANDA HAS MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS ZAMBIA'S RE-
PRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N. AND WAS PREVIOUSLY HIS COUNTRY'S
AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. FROM 1967-1969.

2. THIS APPOINTMENT WAS PART OF A GENERAL AND WIDE-RANGING
PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE AND DOES NOT CONNOTE ANY SIGNIFICANT
SHIFT IN ZAMBIA'S FOREIGN POLICY. VERNON MWAANGA HAS BEEN
MOVED UPSTAIRS TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY, WHERE HE WILL BE INVOLVED
EXCLUSIVELY WITH PROBLEMS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. OUR EMBASSY
SUSPECTS THIS DOES NOT REFLECT PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S DIS-

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PLEASURE WITH HIS HANDLING OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES BUT IS
RATHER A MOVE TO CHASTEN A YOUNG MAN WHOSE SWINGING PRIVATE
LIFE AND REPUTED PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS WERE WELL KNOWN. IN
HIS NEW SLOT, MWAANGA WILL BE OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT AND WILL

PRESUMABLY HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN SOME HUMILITY.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO BANDA (ORIGINAL BEING HELD HERE PENDING APPROVAL):

"DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA.

THROUGH YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WASHINGTON AS ZAMBIA'S AMBASSADOR AND YOUR SUBSEQUENT EXPERIENCE AS YOUR COUNTRY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS YOU ARE WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN IN THIS COUNTRY IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CIRCLES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE WITH JUSTICE THOROUGHOUT THE WORLD. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER".

APPROVE SENDING ABOVE TEXT.

DISAPPROVE.

CLEARED: S - MR. BREMER INGERSOLL

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